



**All Together Public Worship**

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Living under the sovereignty of God**

# Preparing for Worship

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

**Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting

**the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

**O praise the name of the Lord!**

Gracious Lord,

We have entered your house of prayer,

**pour upon us the spirit of grace and supplication;**

We have entered your house of praise,

**awaken in us every grateful and cheerful emotion;**

We have entered your house of instruction,

**give power to the Word preached,**

**and glorify it in our hearts;**

may it enlighten and awaken us all,

**bringing back the strays,**

**strengthening the weak,**

**comforting and making ready a people for their Lord.**

Be a sanctuary to all who cannot come,

**Do not forget those who never come,**

And turn our hearts within us all to be

**kind towards our dependants,**

**forgiving towards our enemies,**

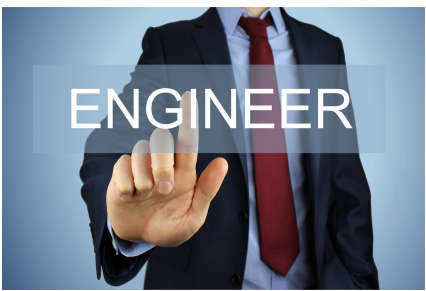
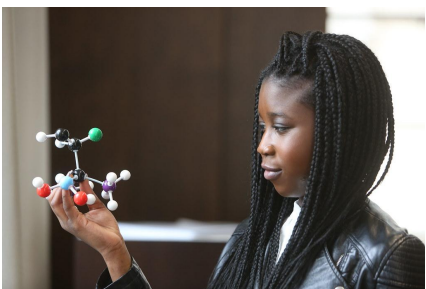
**peaceful towards our neighbours,**

**and open towards our fellow-Christians.**

**For the sake of Jesus, our loving Saviour, Amen**

# Song: Blessed be your name

Which job would you most like to do? What’s stopping you?



# **Setting the scene for our Bible reading**

The people of God did not want Samuel's sons to lead the country, because they were corrupt judges. So the people rejected God as King and demanded a human king.

## **Section 1 - The Lord of the Donkeys. Chapter 9:1-14**

### **Job 39:1-5**

**"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?**

**Do you watch when the doe bears her fawn?**

**2 Do you count the months till they bear?**

**Do you know the time they give birth?**

**3 They crouch down and bring forth their young;  
their labour pains are ended.**

**4 Their young thrive and grow strong in the wilds;  
they leave and do not return.**

**5 "Who let the wild donkey go free?  
Who untied its ropes?**

## **Section 2 - The Lord reveals His choice of King - Chapter 9:15-10:8**

### **Daniel 2:20-21**

**Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;  
wisdom and power are his.**

**He changes times and seasons;**

**He deposes kings and raises up others.**

**He gives wisdom to the wise  
and knowledge to the discerning.**

## **Section 3 - The Lord shows his control in a game of 'chance' - Chapter 10:9-27**

### **Proverbs 21:1-2**

**The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.**

# **Sermon**

Living under the Sovereignty of God

- The LORD of the Wild Donkeys
- The LORD reveals his Chosen King
- The LORD confirms his choice by 'chance'

Applications for life

1. Our response to life's situations
2. Our confidence in salvation

**Song: Mighty to Save**

**Notices**

**Collect for Epiphany 2**

**Almighty and everlasting God,  
ruler of all things in heaven and on earth:  
In mercy hear the prayers of your people  
and grant us your peace throughout our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Asking for Mercy

Turn to us again, O God our Saviour,  
and let your anger cease from us:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Show us your compassion, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Your salvation is near for those that fear you,  
that glory may dwell in our land:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## Confession

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**  
**we have sinned against you and against our neighbour**  
**in thought and word and deed,**  
**through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**  
**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,**  
**forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life**  
**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## Absolution

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Intercessions

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven**

**Hallowed be your name**

**Your kingdom come**

**Your will be done**

**On earth as is in heaven**

**Give us today our daily bread**

**Forgive us our sins**

**As we forgive those who sin against us**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**But deliver us from evil**

**For the Kingdom, the power**

**And the glory are yours**

**Now and forever. Amen.**

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ਸਾਡੇ ਪਿਤਾ ਅਸੀਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥਨਾ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ  
ਤੇਰਾ ਨਾਂ ਪਵਿੱਤਰ ਮੰਨਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ।

ਤੇਰਾ ਰਾਜ ਆਵੇ, ਤੇਰੀ ਮਰਜ਼ੀ,

ਜਿਹੜੀ ਸਵਰਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੂਰਨ ਹੈ, ਧਰਤੀ ਤੇ  
ਵੀ ਪੂਰਨ ਹੋਵੇ।

ਅੱਜ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਭੋਜਨ ਦਿਓ ਜੋ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਹਰ-ਰੋਜ਼  
ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਅਤੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਸਾਡੇ ਪਾਪ ਮਾਫ਼

ਕਰ ਦਿਓ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਅਸੀਂ ਵੀ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਫ਼ ਕਰ  
ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਾਡਾ ਬੁਰਾ ਕੀਤਾ।

ਅਤੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਪਰਤਾਵੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਾ ਪਾਵੇ,

ਸਗੋਂ ਦੁਸ਼ਟ ਤੋਂ ਬਚਾਵੇ।’

## Song: The LORD is my Salvation

### **Pronouncing God's Blessing**

May God himself, the God of peace,

make you perfect and holy,

and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,

for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God**

**and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
**Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

## Notices

Please take this service sheet home. Keep it with your Bible and pray through the prayers and the Bible message.

All new **Sunday Club Juniors** started last Sunday as part of our 11am church service. God had told his people to pass the gospel message to the next generation. If you have family or neighbours with primary school kids, encourage them to come. Contact Helen if you want to teach or help!

**SOUL Course. Meeting Jesus in the pages of Mark's Gospel.** We all have friends and family who do not know Jesus. If you have not already invited someone to join the SOUL Course, the next 10 days are your window of opportunity. We'll meet in church at 2pm and 7:30pm and on Zoom. Discussion leaders, please come to a short briefing after the service today at 12:15pm for 15 minutes.

Afternoon Zoom Meeting ID: 871 7677 4414

Evening Zoom Meeting ID: 839 6572 6188

**Pakistani Pastor Zafar Bhatti** has been in prison for more than 10 years under Pakistan's blasphemy laws. He was recently re-sentenced to death. The British Asian Christian Association is calling on people to contact their local MP's and/or sign the petition <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/free-zafar-bhatti-now> in order to seek international intervention in protecting innocent Zafar Bhatti's life.